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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Serial No.: 09/862,917
Filing Date: May 22, 2001
Applicant(s): JARMAN et al.
Title: **UTILITY METERING SYSTEM INCORPORATING A TRANSACTION
AUTHORISATION SYSTEM**
Abandoned: August 23, 2003
Atty. Docket: 78104073/JE/N16035 (*formerly* 708P009508-US(PAR))

Group Art Unit: 3629
Examiner: Borissov, Igor N.

**RESPONSE TO 22 MAY 2003 OFFICE ACTION
(37 CAR §1.111)**

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Commissioner for Patents
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In Response to the Office Action of May 22, 2003, reconsideration of the objections and/or rejections and further examination of the application are requested.

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